(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) It has been observed that the number of beneficiaries taking I.S.M. & Homoeopathy treatment is less compared to the beneficiaries taking Allopathic treatment in and outside Delhi.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(e) The question does not arise.

(f) Due to financial constraints.

Incentive-based Scheme for Family Planning

1822. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to de-centralise the incentive-based scheme for motivating the people to adopt family planning;

(b) whether adequate funds are likely to be given to the States for ensuring good performance in reducing the birth rate; and

(c) whether Government have devised any scheme for devolution of resources to the States under the new scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The existing scheme of cash compensation under which funds are released to the States/Union Territories on the basis of their performance figures of sterilisations/IUD insertions is proposed to be amended and is proposed to be linked to the birth reduction efforts made by them. The modified scheme is being designed to aim at providing greater flexibility to the States/UTs. to utilise the funds available under the scheme in the most optimal manner and to ensure wider coverage of younger couples with greater fertility potential under spacing methods. Full details of the scheme are being worked out.

Growth of Herbs

1823. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that herbs are an important ingredient in the Ayurvedic and Unani System of medicines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of herbs have disappeared due to destruction of flora and fauna in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that many Ayurvedic and Unani medicines have lost their efficacy as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, whether Government have chalked out any plan to promote the growth of these herbs, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the herbs used in Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of medicine are not available in required quantity.

(c) No specific study has been made for the purpose.

(d) A number of steps taken by the Government in this regard are as under:—

(i) Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture have proposed to implement a Central Sector Scheme on development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in the country. This scheme also includes the establishment of Herbal Gardens in the potential areas of the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan for which an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakhs have been proposed during 1992-93.

(ii) National Wastelands Development Board, an organisation under the Ministry of Environment and Forests have introduced a Centrally-sponsored Scheme for raising minor Forest Produce including medicinal plants from 1988-89 onwards in the States. A sum of Rs. 650 lakhs had been allocated in 1991-92.

(iii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (I.C.A.R.), an organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture is operating an All India Coordinated Research Project on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants with Nine Centres all over the country for studying a number of crops. Besides, the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi is conserving Germ-plasm of some important medicinal plants and is also working on their tissue culture.

(iv) Survey, Cultivation and Research on medicinal plants are primary objectives of several Government departments functioning under various ministries, for example CCRAS under the Ministry of Health and F.W., Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation (CIMPO), National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), National Institute of Oceanography. The National Institute of Oceanography exclusively conducts research on medicinally valuable sea-weeds.

(v) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have implemented a scheme during 1990-91 under which Central assistance was provided to the Government/Semi-Government organisations in States/UTs for cultivation and development of identified species of medicinal plants.

(vi) Some State Governments cultivate medicinal plants through their forests departments.

दिल्ली प्रशासन में उपनिदेशकों के पद

1824. **डा. रत्नाकर पांडेय:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली प्रशासन के स्वास्थ्य विभाग में उप-निदेशकों (आई.एस.एम. होम्योपैथी) के कुल कितने पद हैं ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली प्रशासन के स्वास्थ्य विभाग में उपर्युक्त पदों के अतिरिक्त उप-निदेशक (होम्योपैथी) के पद भी हैं ;

(ग) यदि नहीं तो दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा उप-निदेशक (होम्योपैथी) के रिक्त स्थानों को भरने के लिए समाचारपत्रों में हाल ही में किस आधार पर सूचना प्रकाशित की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस पद के लिए स्वीकृति कब ली गई थी और यह पद कब से रिक्त है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी. के. तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Loan Licences

1825. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: